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Members of the Agriculture Committee  
of the Montana House of Representatives:

My name is Jennifer Holmes, I am co-owner of Lifeline Farm in Victor. We employ 10 people in our dairy and meat product production and manufacturing. All of our product is sold in the Northwest and most of it in Western Montana. A key element of our marketing activities is our presence at local farmers markets and the free samples we provide to prospective customers. Currently, we must pay \$110 in order to do this for the Clark Fork River Market in Missoula during the summer. For the new Winter Farmers Market in Missoula, we are even being asked to pay double, one \$110 license to cover markets in November and December and one \$110 license to cover January-April, since the license is only good for the calendar year. Our creamery and farm and store are all licensed and inspected several times a year by the Department of Livestock and the County Sanitarian. We pay fees for all of these licenses and inspections. Line 30 on page 15 of HB 478 would not require us to buy yet another permit. We would just be able to offer free samples to the public. Please support this bill and help support and grow our agricultural and food industry in Montana.

Thank you for your time,  
Jennifer Day Holmes

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